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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 7/18/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

This is a first office action in response to application no. 10/622,938 filed on July 18th 2003 in which claims 1-18 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blair (US Patent Application Publication no. 2006/0218575 A1).

As per claims 1, 13 and 16, Blair discloses the same method of remotely monitoring children's internet usage comprising: providing a video tap device couplable to an information handling system between a video output and a video display device, said video tap allowing a video signal from the information handling system to pass through said video tap substantially unimpeded while providing a monitoring video signal which is substantially identical to the video signal presented to the video display device (See Blair [0026, lines 6-16], [0028]); providing a propagation channel (See Blair [0024, lines 19-25], and [0027]); providing a signal transmission assembly for conditioning said monitoring video signal for transmission through said propagation channel, said signal

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transmission assembly being operationally couplable to said propagation channel (See Blair head-end 450, [0025], and [0032-0033]); providing a receiver assembly operationally couplable to said propagation channel; providing a video presentation means operationally couplable to said receiver assembly, said video presentation means converting a signal received from said receiver assembly into a presentation of video information substantially identical to the video signal presented to the video display device by the information handling system (See Blair [0028-0029]); coupling said video tap assembly between the video output of the information handling system and the video display device (See [Blair fig. 6, item 686 [0040], fig. 1, item 50]; coupling said receiver assembly to said video presentation means and visually observing said video presentation means whereby internet access of a user utilizing the information handling system may be monitored by a monitoring user (See [0037 and 0043]).

It is noted that Blair is silent about the specifics of the coupling such as coupling said video tap assembly to said signal transmission assembly; coupling said signal transmission assembly to said propagation channel.

However, Blair discloses in fig. 4 a block diagram of a system presenting network enabled receivers along with transmitters in a communication system. The set-up shown by Blair in figs. 1-4 is considered either equivalent or renders the claimed coupling obvious to one skilled in the art at the time of the invention because such claimed coupling arrangement is a clear design choice (See Blair figs. 1-5, and [0031-0036]).

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As per claims 2-3, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claim 1. In addition, Blair modems 210 and 415 as shown in fig. 3, respectively, include the claimed modulator and transmitter facilitating radio frequency propagation (See Blair [0031-0032]).

As per claims 4-6, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claim 1. In addition, the blocking assembly is considered included in the DSL modem 415 wherein the modulated signal is propagated through conventional telephone lines (See Blair [0031-0032]).

As per claims 7-9, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claim 1. In addition, Blair's DSL modems 415 of fig. 4 provide demodulating and display means 50 of fig. 1 facilitates the routing of the received video signal (See Blair [0031-0032]).

As per claims 10-12, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claim 1. In addition, Blair's modems 415 demodulate the propagated signal from conventional telephone line (See Blair [0031-0033]).

As per claims 14-15, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claim 13. In addition, Blair further discloses selecting the propagation channel from at least fiber optic cable, in-situ telephone wiring, and wherein the

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presentation means is selected from at least television, computer monitor (See Blair fig. 1, display 50; [0050], [0020]).

As per claims 17-18, most of the limitations of these claims have been noted in the above rejection of claim 16. In addition, Blair discloses an access code required for monitoring along with a router recognizing a query. To the examiner, the router recognizing the query along with the access code is considered as the blocking assemblies and the authorization as noted in [0040] provides the securing means (See Blair [0035], [0041]).

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Weinberger et al. (US Patent no. 6282383) teaches method of monitoring and initiating operational commands in an image processing device.

Fryer (US Patent no. 6233428) teaches system and method for distribution of childcare training materials and remote monitoring of childcare centers.

Anderson et al. (US Patent no. 5961604) teaches status monitoring systems for cable television signal distribution networks.

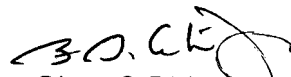
Olah et al. (US Patent no. 6446119) teaches system and method for monitoring computer usage.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gims S. Philippe whose telephone number is (571) 272-7336. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (10:30-7:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dastouri S. Mehrdad can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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